

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting  
January 31, 2007  
Fish and Game Headquarters  
Boise, ID**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Cal Groen; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Jim Unsworth, Chief, Bureau of Wildlife; Mike Keckler, Chief, Bureau of Communications; Sharon Kiefer, Legislative Liaison; Jim Lau, Chief, Bureau of Administration; Jon Heggen, Chief, Enforcement; Steve Nadeau, Statewide Large Carnivore Manager; Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office and Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cameron Wheeler at 8:00 a.m. with Commissioners Tony McDermott, Bob Barowsky, Wayne Wright, Randy Budge, and Gary Power participating.

**LEGISLATION**

**Legislative Update**

Sharon Kiefer, Legislative Liaison briefed the Commissioners on the following Legislative bills. Legislative Analysis sheets (Appendix 40 Exhibit 26) were provided to Commissioners via email.

Ms. Kiefer reported that the Legislative Rules Review is complete with both the House and the Senate. She anticipates a concurrent resolution will be prepared that will reject the outfitter allocation rule. Staff will prepare a new draft rule proposal to be presented at the March meeting to reconsider the allocation percentage for outfitters and guides. All of the other dockets in the rule review have been accepted.

**Draft Wolf Tag Legislation Proposal**

Director Groen reported that he has received suggestions from outfitters regarding the nonresident tag that allows hunters to use their deer tag to hunt black bear or mountain lion. They would like the Department to include wolf in the proposal giving nonresidents the opportunity to shoot black bear, mountain lion or wolf using their nonresident deer tag. Steve Nadeau reported that the initial draft of the statute was to keep it clean and not add any changes to sportsman packs, mentored or disabled tags. Commission consensus is to keep the draft clean and that other tags would be incorporated at a later date.

The Commission stated that the \$26.00 fee for a tag in the draft wolf proposal is not a fixed fee. It gives the Commission the authority to go to that price.

The Commission clarified the wording on page two of the draft wolf legislation proposal

(Appendix 40, Exhibit 27), (7) Special Wolf Tags to read: Each wolf tag shall be issued by the department of fish and game and awarded to the highest eligible bidder or winner of a lottery.

Ms. Kiefer reported that the next step for the draft proposal is to give it to Chairman Bert Stevenson and Representative Fred Wood who will present the draft to Legislative Services Office to be prepared for bill format. The bill will then be introduced for a print hearing by the House Resource Committee. Representative Wood will be the sponsor for the bill.

### **Legislative Bills**

Department sponsored bill SB1010 is on the 3rd reading and will be heard today in the Senate. Senator Siddoway is carrying on the floor.

Department sponsored SB1011 will have its 1<sup>st</sup> hearing in the Senator Resources and Environment Committee today.

**Senate Bill 1022** amends the felony penalty under I.C. 36-1402 to include lifetime license revocation for homicide.

**07-32 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion TO SUPPORT SB1022. The motion carried in unanimous vote.**

**Senate Bill 1027** deletes the term limits for Fish and Game Commissioners.

**07-33 Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion TO MAINTAIN A NEUTRAL POSITION ON SB 1027. The motion carried in unanimous vote.**

**Senate Bill 1031** would amend Idaho Code 58-104 to include: 16. To allow access for hunting, fishing, trapping and recreation to state lands, without charge, to members of the public except where public safety concerns warrant denial of access.

**07-34 Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion TO SUPPORT SB 1031. The motion carried in unanimous vote.**

**Senate Bill 1039** would insert a new section into Title 58 that would not allow the state land board or any other state agency to lease, exchange, or sell state land to be used to hold domestic cervidae in captivity for any purpose.

**07-35 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion TO SUPPORT SB 1039. The motion carried in unanimous vote.**

Bonnie Butler, Governors Office, commented on SB 1031. She stated that she has been

in contact with the attorney for the State Land Board and it is very probable that SB1031 will be declared unconstitutional because the endowment land by law, are required to make as much money off the land as they can.

**Senate Resolution 101** would change the process such that if a committee does not submit a report to the Senate for adoption, the appointment is deemed rejected. The Commission will maintain a neutral position on SR101.

**Senate Bill 1004** provides for a 5-year moratorium on establishment of new domestic cervidae operations until July 2012.

**07-36 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion TO NOT TAKE A POSITION ON SB 1004. The motion carried in unanimous vote.**

**Senate Bill 1005** amends several sections of Title 25 to provide licensing by the Department of Agriculture for domestic cervidae operations.

**07-37 Commissioner Wright moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion TO MONITOR SB 1005. The motion carried in unanimous vote.**

### **Legislative Conference Calls**

Commissioner Budge would like the Commissioners to consider changing the Wednesday conference calls to Thursdays. Commissioners will be polled and a decision will be made at the February 7<sup>th</sup> call.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Adjournment**

The Commission meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

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Cameron Wheeler  
Chairman

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Cal Groen  
Secretary